

CHURCH OF SAINT BENEDICT

DIOCESE OF ALLENTOWN - BISHOP ALFRED A. SCHLERT, D.D.

November 19, 2023



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Tues. 6:30pm, Wed., Friday 8am, Thurs. 5:30pm
from Labor Day to Memorial Day/8:00am from Memorial Day to Labor Day
Saturday: 8:00am; Vigil: 5:00pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 11:00am
Holy Day Vigil: 5:00pm; Day-8:00am & 7:00pm

RECTORY PARISH OFFICE

2020 Chestnut Hill Rd, Mohnton, Pa 19540
610-856-1006 Office Hours: Closed Wednesday; all other days 9:00am-4:30pm.
Website: www.churchofsaintbenedict.com
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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PARISH STAFF

Rev. Msgr. Edward R. Domin.....Pastor
Valerie Christo.....Director Religious Education
Stephen Mickulik, M.Ed. Principal LaSalle Academy
Susan Teaford.....Parish Secretary
Rick Ruhl.....Accountant
Beverly Perella.....Director of Music
Rosanne Weidner.....Rectory Housekeeping

CHURCH SAFETY INFORMATION

Richard Conte, 610-223-8846
Location of Emergency Operating Plan
<https://www.churchofsaintbenedict.com/wp-content/uploads/St-Benedict-Emergency-Operating-Plan-Rev-00.pdf>

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Celebrated on Saturday afternoon, 1-2pm, after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and on Sunday, immediately following the 11:00am Mass. Baptism preparation class held 2nd Saturday. Please call the office to schedule a baptism & class.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Couples should call the priest at least 6 months before the wedding. A marriage preparation program is offered to every couple.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK

Please call the parish office if a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized. Sacrament of Anointing is offered any time.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday from 4:00-4:45pm or by appointment.

O C I A

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program for anyone interested in joining the Catholic Church, receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. If interested or have questions contact Mark Schrum at 484-706-2215.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We the Parish of St. Benedict, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and our patron St. Benedict, are a vibrant, worshipping and welcoming community of God. The strength of our people is obtained through joyful celebration of the Holy Eucharist. Our commitment is to promote the Gospel of the Lord through our prayers, words, and actions with Jesus as our guiding light.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR:

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., DIRECT 800-791-9209
Pamela J. Russo, M.S.W., M.S. Safe Environment Coordinator at 610-332-0442, Ext. 2019

THIS WEEK AT ST. BENEDICT

Monday, November 20

7:00pm Knights of Columbus, FLC

Wednesday, November 22

8:30am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel
7:00pm Joint Thanksgiving Eve Service at Robeson Lutheran Church

Thursday, November 23



MASS TIME CHANGE—

Beginning on Saturday, December 2, the first weekend of Advent, the Saturday Vigil Mass will move ahead an hour, from **5:00pm to 4:00pm**. Confessions will also move up an hour and will be beginning at **3:00pm**.



O COME LET US ADORE HIM—Beginning on Saturday, December 2 and on all First Saturdays of the month, we will have Eucharistic Adoration from 3:00pm to 3:45pm, before our 4:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass. Everyone is invited to come to Mass a few minutes early to spend some quiet time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. What a wonderful way to enter into the spirit of the National Eucharistic Revival.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS —NOVEMBER 25/26

5:00pm

Lector: Peggy Williams

Altar Servers: Tom Dobson, Bryanna Gallagher

EMs: Joe & Carol Hojnacki, Tom Henefer

Musician: Carole Anstett Cantor: Tony Diederich

8:30am

Lector: Anna Welch

Altar Servers: Mary Hogan, Kyle Keenan

EMs: Mark Brezina Jean Ann Leib, Cindy Miller

Musician: Beverly Perella Cantor: Matt Reagan

11:00am

Lector: Charlie Jones

Altar Servers: Joseph & Sophia Kusznir

EMs: Mary Newhams, John Cocco, Sylvia Firth

Musician: Beverly Perella Cantor: Coppa Family

If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled time, please find a substitute in advance. Thanks!

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 11/20 Weekday

NO MASS

Rev. Msgr. David James

Tuesday 11/21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30pm Anthony Talarico by Antoinette Miccicke

Rev. Richard James

Wednesday 11/22 St. Cecilia

8:00am Robert Kowalkowski by Robert & Joyce Joyce

Rev. Ronald Jankaitis

Thursday 11/23 St. Clement, St. Columban, Bl. Miguel Pro

8:00am James T. McVeigh Jr. by Robert & Joyce Joyce

Rev. Dominik Kalata

Friday 11/24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac

8:00am People of the Parish

Rev. Speratus Kamanzi

Saturday 11/25 St. Catherine of Alexandria

8:00am Benjamin Kindred by the Brenner Family

Rev. Shaju Kanjiramparayil

Sunday 11/26 Feast of Christ the King of the Universe

5:00pm (Saturday) Int. of Msgr. Edward Domin

by the Seven Sisters

8:30am 52nd Anniversary Marie & Stanley Blimline

11:00am Int. of the Kupinski Family by the Seven Sisters

Rev. Venantius Karobo



*The Sanctuary Lamp is offered this weekend
in memory of Doris LaMonica*

By Doris Yeager

MEN'S RETREAT OPPORTUNITY—One of America's leading Catholic evangelists, Dr. Edward Sri, will be directing the Immaculate Conception Retreat Group at the Malvern Retreat House from December 8th to the 10th. Join the Men of Malvern to focus on the important things of life like your relationship with God, your spouse and your family. This promises to be a spiritual experience like never before. For more information contact Justin Coppa at 610-698-2088 Or call the retreat house at (610) 569-9796.

*Dear God,
As we gather to give thanks, we also pray for peace.
In a world often filled with strife and conflict,
may the spirit of Thanksgiving remind us
of the importance of harmony.
Grant us the wisdom to seek understanding
and the courage to promote peace.
May our hearts be a sanctuary of serenity,
and our actions be a testament to your loving grace. Amen.*

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for those in need of hope, healing and health, for all in our parish who are ill and homebound, especially Robert Blechman, John and Elsie Bauer, Janet Cannon, Jonathan Cranley, Debbie Dayton, Rita Del Percio, Richard DuBois, Joan Fondots, Theresa Fox, Jamison Gray, James Hart, Maryann Hovan, Joseph Hunter, Barbara Ianni, John Janiszewski, Sue and Frank Kremser, Bev Kuzmission, Michele Levan, Bob and Helen Macminn, Timothy McCarty, Aurora McHugh, Nicole Miller, Regina Moran, Nova P., Patrick, Patti, Theo Polidore, Gene Raser, Sr., Anthony Rowan, Cathy Steuber, Nettie Thomas, Sean Thomas, Josh Toresco, Barbara Townsend, Maureen Truckly, Miriam Ulrich, Tricia Vanderbeck, Chad Vogel, Steven Wagner, Rachel Williams, Cheryl Wolfe, John E. Yost, Jr., Josephine and all those in nursing homes. Mary, Health of the Sick, please pray for them.

Please remember to keep all of the Holy Souls in Purgatory in your prayers during this month of November.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—takes place at St. Benedict on Wednesdays. The day begins with Mass at 8:00am and continues through the day, concluding at 5:00pm.

Feel free to come any time during the day and spend some time in peace and quiet with the Lord. There are some prayer resources available to assist you if Adoration is a new prayer practice for you.

Please remember when entering the church or the Adoration chapel that you maintain sacred silence. Please avoid all unnecessary conversation, especially before Mass, as there are people who have come to pray.

ADVENT RETREAT—Sister Patrice Klausing, OSF, will be offering an Advent Retreat on Sunday, December 3rd, from 1:00pm-4:00pm at the McGlinn Conference Center, adjacent to Alvernia University. Her reflection is titled “Bringing Forth Christ: Five Feasts of the Child Jesus,” based on a book by St. Bonaventure. Cost is \$30 and light refreshments will be served. To register, please see their flyer on the bulletin board at the main entrance to the church.

SAVE THE DATE - Knights of Columbus Annual Advent Fish Fry is back by popular demand. The Knights are having a fish fry in Advent on Friday, December 15th from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Proceeds to benefit the pro-life charities of the Council.

NEW HYMNALS—Beginning the First Sunday in Advent we will be using our new hardbound hymnals, Journeysongs. Please consider sponsoring a hymnal in memory or honor of someone, for the cost of \$30 each. Look for the display in the Gathering Space. Take a form, provide the information, and then place it in the music bag along with your check made payable to Church of St. Benedict. Before they are placed in the pews for everyone’s use, there will be a dedication label in the front of the hymnal with the name/ names you are sponsoring.



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

Thank you for your generous gifts!

Stewardship—November 12 \$7,311.00 (182 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$4,225.00

Mortgage—November 12 \$1,976.00 (62 envelopes)
Parish Giving \$ 1,260.00

Giving is worship, giving back to the One Who gave first.

SVDP NEWS—The St. Vincent de Paul Society would like to thank all those who contributed to their holiday food basket collection. Your donations will help provide a festive meal to our neighbors in need. To thank you for generosity, we wanted to share this information with you. Ocean State Job Lot, a discount store located in the old K-Mart building in Shillington, offers 20% of all food items for seniors every Monday between 8AM and 9AM. Also, if you purchase a coat for a veteran at \$40, they will give you a \$40 in store gift card. This month they are matching every dollar donated at the register for Helping Harvest, an organization in Reading that collects, purchases, stores and distributes over 9 million pounds of food each year.



ALTAR FLOWER CALENDAR 2024—is now available on the bulletin board at the main church entrance. If you wish to honor or memorialize a loved one, simply sign up on the calendar or call the parish office to schedule a particular date. Arrangements are \$75 each.

THANKSGIVING EVE—The parishioners of St. Benedict have been cordially invited by Pastor Michael Ware to celebrate our traditional joint Thanksgiving Eve service with the congregation of Robeson Lutheran Church. They will be hosting this year. We’ve been told we don’t need to bring anything except our smiles! They will provide music and refreshments. Please plan to attend this event on Wednesday, November 22nd at 7pm.





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